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(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/014840	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 07 October 2004 (07.10.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 08 October 2003 (08.10.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant MEIJI SEIKA KAISHA, LTD.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year)
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1 - 10</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1 - 10</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 10</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 2001-131071, A (Meiji Seika Kabushiki Kaisha), 15 May, 2001 (15.05.01)
 Document 2: JP, 7-17866, A (Meiji Seika K.K.), 20 January, 1995 (20.01.95)
 Document 3: WO, 02-87588, A1 (Meiji Seika K.K.), 07 November, 2002 (07.11.02)
 Document 4: WO, 96-19239, A1 (Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 27 June, 1996 (27.06.96)
 Document 5: JP, 2003-26676, A (Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.), 29 January, 2003 (29.01.03)
 Document 6: WO, 00-04896, A1 (Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 03 February, 2000 (03.02.00)

The subject matters of claims 1-10 do not appear to involve an inventive step according to documents 1-6 cited in the ISR.

In documents 1-3, non-crystalline cefditoren pivoxil and a preparation that contains it is described, as well as the said preparation obtained for oral administration (document 1, claims 1-10; document 2, claims 1-2 and paragraph [0001]; document 3 claims 1-11). Also, in documents 2 and 3, the combining of a water-soluble polymer is described (document 2, claims 1-2; document 3, claim 2).

In document 4-6, the improvement of absorption of an insoluble drug from the gastrointestinal tract based on combining a polymer base and a sucrose/fatty acid ester non-ionic surfactant is described (document 4, claims 1-12; document 5, claims 1-17 and paragraph [0001]; document 6, claims 1-8). Moreover, in document 4, non-crystallization of an insoluble drug and, when a solid composition having a polymer base and a non-ionic surfactant is dispersed in a liquid, the non-crystalloid being preserved over a long period of time is described (document 4, page 2, lines 19-24).

Accordingly, in the subject matters described in claims 1-3, combining a polymer base described in documents 4-6 and a non-ionic surfactant for improving the absorption of an effective component is easily conceivable for a person skilled in the art and is not recognized as being an exceptional effect.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2004-175779 A [E, X]	24.06.2004	03.03.2003	02.10.2002

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The subject matters of claims 1, 2, 4, are unclear due to the description of "favorable" and "more favorable".